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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 7, 2002

JOINT PETITION OF

AMERICAN WATER WORKS COMPANY, INC.

CASE NO. PUA010082

and

THAMES WATER AQUA HOLDING GMBH

For approval under the Utility
Transfers Act, § 56-88 et seq.
of the Code of Virginia

ORDER PERMITTING RESPONSE AND
EXTENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On February 5, 2002, the Hopewell Committee for Fair Water Rates ("Committee") filed Comments, Request for Hearing, and Notice of Participation on the above-captioned joint petition of American Water Works Company, Inc., and Thames Water Aqua Holding GmbH (collectively, "Petitioners").

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion that Petitioners should have an opportunity to file a response to the comments and request for hearing filed by the Committee and that the Committee should have an opportunity to file a response thereto. We are also of the opinion that our Staff should review such filings before it prepares its report. We will, therefore, permit the filing of the above-referenced response and reply, extend the date for filing Staff's Report

and any response thereto, and extend the period of review under § 56-88.1 for an additional period of thirty (30) days, or through April 18, 2002.¹

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The period of review of issues governed by § 56-88.1 of the Code of Virginia is hereby extended from March 18, 2002, to April 18, 2002.

(2) On or before February 14, 2002, the Petitioners shall file any response they may have to the Committee's comments and request for hearing.

(3) On or before February 19, 2002, the Committee shall file a reply, if any, to the response of the Petitioners.

(4) The date for filing Staff's Report is hereby extended from February 14, 2002, to March 4, 2002.

(5) The date for filing any response to the Staff's Report is hereby extended from February 28, 2002, to March 17, 2002.

¹ Pursuant to an Order entered on January 30, 2002, the Commission extended its initial sixty-day period of review for thirty (30) days, or through March 19, 2002.